Washington, DC – Rep. Bruce Braley (*IA-01*) released the following statement today regarding protests in Egypt and the Middle East:

"Egypt and the United States have enjoyed a close relationship for years, and I firmly believe we must ensure that continues," Braley said. "My concern now is for the safety of American citizens and their families and I encourage any lowans with questions to contact my office."

The State Department has issued a travel warning for Egypt advising against travel to the country and initiated voluntary departure flights for U.S. citizens. Rep. Braley's office has reached out to colleges and universities in the First District to provide assistance to any students studying in Egypt and is in communication with the State Department to facilitate any potential departures of 1st District residents from Egypt. Any lowan with concerns regarding travel to or from Egypt should contact Rep. Braley's Dubuque office at 563-557-7789